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Fire Mobilization Ordered for Mud Lake Fire in Yakima County

CAMP MURRAY – Washington State fire service resources have been requested tonight to support firefighters working to contain a 2,000-acre wildfire that threatens as many as 25 residences in the Mud Lake area, approximately 10 miles west of Naches in Yakima County.

Washington State Patrol Chief Lowell Porter authorized the State Fire Services Mobilization Act at 7:45 p.m. Under the act, the Washington State Patrol's Fire Protection Bureau has dispatched four wildland task forces that will be arriving this evening. This will add an additional 20 engines/tenders and 50 firefighters to battle the blaze. A Level 3 evacuation is in effect for residences in the immediate threat area of the fire.

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Camp Murray activated today to coordinate state assistance for the Fischer fire. Staff from the Washington State Patrol's Fire Protection Bureau and the State Emergency Management Division of the Washington Military Department has reported to the EOC.

The State Fire Services Mobilization Plan is implemented to provide personnel, equipment and other resources from around the state when wildfires exceed the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions.

The State Enhanced 911 Office in cooperation with local telephone carriers reminds all citizens in the affected fire areas to:

- Stay off the telephone unless you have a critical need to make a telephone call. Remember a FAX or a computer also uses a telephone line and its use may affect your ability to get immediate help in a life-threatening emergency.
- DO NOT call 9-1-1 unless you need an emergency response from police, fire or emergency medical personnel.
- If you experience other types of problems not related to these emergency services, call the appropriate telephone number for those services.
- DO NOT call 9-1-1 unnecessarily. 9-1-1 lines must be kept open for people who have a true emergency.
- If you pick up your telephone to make a call and do not hear dial tone, DO NOT HANG UP. Simply wait a few seconds, and you will get dial tone and be able to make your call.

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